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MY Father, whom I mentioned in my first Speculation, and whom I must always Name with Honour and Gratitude, has very frequently talked to me upon the ... of Marriage. I was in my younger Years ... partly by his Advice, and partly by my own ...ions, in the Courtship of a Person who had ... deal of Beauty, and did not at my first Ap... seem to have any Aversion to me; but as ...ural Taciturnity hindered me from shewing ... to the best Advantage, she by degrees began ... upon me as a very silly Fellow, and being ... to regard Merit more than any thing else ... Persons who made their Applications to her, ...rried a Captain of Dragoons who happened ...eating up for Recruits in those Parts.

...is unlucky Accident has given me an Aversion ...y Fellows ever since, and discouraged me ... trying my Fortune with the fair Sex. The ...vations which I made in this Conjuncture, and ...peated Advices which I received at that time ... the good old Man above-mentioned, have pro... the following Essay upon Love and Mar...

The pleasantest Part of a Man's Life is generally ...which passes in Courtship, provided his Passion ...cere, and the Party beloved kind with Discre... Love, Desire, Hope, all the pleasing Moti... of the Soul rise in the Pursuit.

...s easier for an Artful Man, who is not in Love, ...tude his Mistress he has a Passion for her, and ...ceed in his Pursuits, than for one who loves ... the greatest Violence. True Love hath ten ...and Griefs, Impatiencies and Resentments, that ... a Man unamiable in the Eyes of the Person ...Affection he sollicits; besides, that it sinks ...Figure, gives him Fears, Apprehensions and ...ness of Spirit, and often makes him appear ...ulous where he has a mind to recommend ...self.

...se Marriages generally abound most with ...e and Constancy, that are preceded by a long ...ship. The Passion should strike Root, and ... strength before Marriage be grafted on it. ...g Course of Hopes and Expectations fixes the ...in our Minds, and habituates us to a Fondness ...the Person beloved.

There is nothing of so great Importance to us, as the good Qualities of one to whom we join our selves for Life; they do not only make our present State agreeable, but often determine our Happiness to all Eternity. Where the Choice is left to Friends, the chief Point under Consideration is an Estate: Where the Parties chuse for themselves, their Thoughts turn most upon the Person. They have both their Reasons. The first would procure many Conveniencies and Pleasures of Life to the Party whose Interests they espouse; and at the same time may hope that the Wealth of their Friend will turn to their own Credit and Advantage. The others are preparing for themselves a perpetual Feast. A good Person does not only raise, but continue Love, and breeds a secret Pleasure and Complacency in the Beholder, when the first Heats of Desire are extinguished. It puts the Wife or Husband in Countenance both among Friends and Strangers, and generally fills the Family with a healthy and beautiful Race of Children.

I should prefer a Woman that is agreeable in my own Eye, and not deformed in that of the World, to a Celebrated Beauty. If you marry one remarkably beautiful, you must have a violent Passion for her, or you have not the proper Taste of her Charms; and if you have such a Passion for her, it is odds but it will be imbittered with Fears and Jealousies.

Good Nature, and Evenness of Temper, will give you an easie Companion for Life; Vertue and Good Sense, an agreeable Friend; Love and Constancy, a good Wife or Husband. Where we meet one Person with all these Accomplishments, we find an hundred without any one of them. The World, notwithstanding, is more intent on Trains and Equipage, and all the showy Parts of Life; we love rather to dazzle the Multitude, than consult our proper Interest; and, as I have elsewhere observed, it is one of the most unaccountable Passions of Human Nature, that we are at greater Pains to appear easie and happy to others, than really to make our selves so. Of all Disparities, that in Humour makes the most unhappy Marriages, yet scarce enters into our Thoughts at the contracting of them. Several that in this respect are unequally yoaked, and uneasie for Life, with a Person of a particular Character, might have been pleased and happy with a Person of a con-

contrary one, notwithstanding they are both perhaps equally vertuous and laudable in their kind.

Before Marriage we cannot be too inquisitive and discerning in the Faults of the Person beloved, nor after it too dim-sighted and superficial. However perfect and accomplished the Person appears to you at a distance, you will find many Blemishes and Imperfections in their Humour, upon a more intimate Acquaintance, which you never discovered or perhaps suspected. Here therefore Discretion and Good-nature are to shew their Strength; the first will hinder your Thoughts from dwelling on what is disagreeable, the other will raise in you all the tenderness of Compassion and Humanity, and by degrees soften those very Imperfections into Beauties.

Marriage enlarges the Scene of our Happiness and Miseries. A Marriage of Love is pleasant; a Marriage of Interest easie; and a Marriage, where both meet, happy. A happy Marriage has in it all the Pleasures of Friendship, all the Enjoyments of Sense and Reason, and, indeed, all the Sweets of Life. Nothing is a greater Mark of a degenerate and vitious Age, than the common Ridicule that passes on this State of Life. It is, indeed, only happy in those who can look down with Scorn or Neglect on the Impieties of the Times, and tread the Paths of Life together in a constant uniform Course of Virtue.

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